

Cemaes Rural District Council

ANNUAL
REPORT

OF THE
DISTRICT
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND THE
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



1959

C E M A E S R U R A L D I S T R I C T

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR
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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

It is with much pleasure that I present my Annual Report for 1959 on the health of your district.

The health generally throughout the district has been good. Although there were 83 cases of measles notified, the disease was relatively mild and no serious complications or deaths occurred.

The infant mortality rate is again lower than formerly and it compares favourably with the figure reported ten years ago and with that for the County of Pembroke and for England and Wales.

It is very satisfactory to find that no new cases of tuberculosis were notified during 1959 and no deaths occurred from this disease. Ten years ago, in 1949, seven new cases of tuberculosis were notified and there were six deaths.

No cases of acute polio-myelitis have been notified in this district since vaccination against the disease commenced.

The housing position in the district is generally easier. It is to be hoped that the problem of obtaining the necessary land in the Newport area will soon be solved, which will enable further council houses to be built, and thus help to relieve the shortage that exists in this area. Each year a small number of properties are being improved by means of a grant and this helps towards relieving the housing position.

Permission has been obtained to improve certain sections of the water supply. When this work is completed, the temporary shortages which now occur should cease.

Again, I would like to emphasise how important a part the Public Health Inspector plays in the maintenance of the of the conditions suitable for healthy living. Much work has been done to implement the recommendations made under the Food and Hygiene regulations and conditions have improved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Council and its officers for their continued courtesy and co-operation and to include in this my thanks to my clerk, Miss V.K. Pickard, for all her help.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. M. Bowen

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1959....
8,870.....

	<u>Cemacs R.D.</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>Cemacs R.D.</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Pembroke</u>	<u>England</u> <u>& Wales</u>
Live Births	110	122		
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.40	13.07	16.9	16.5
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births	7.27	4.91	3.99	
Still Births	3	7		
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	26.54	54.26	26.82	20.7
Total Live and Still Births	113	129		
Infant Deaths	2	3		
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births - total	18.18	24.6	21.21	22.0
- legitimate	19.60	25.85	22.09	
- illegitimate	nil	nil	nil	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks) (per 1,000 live births)	18.18	24.6	16.84	15.8
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week) (per 1,000 live births)	18.18	16.39	14.34	
Perinatal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week and still births combined) (per 1,000 live and still births)	44.24	69.76	40.0	

The infant mortality rate shows a decrease this year. there were two deaths of infants under one year of age; one from prematurity at three hours and one from congenital malformation at two days.

Maternal Deaths	nil	nil		
Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	nil	nil	0.60	0.38
Deaths	132	124		
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	14.88	13.96	11.64	11.6

The general death rate shows a slight increase this year. Approximately 62.87% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged over 70 years and of these, 28.03% occurred in persons aged over 80 years. Of the nineteen deaths from cancer, five were due to cancer of the lung and all occurred in males.

The greatest number of deaths from any one cause was again due to heart disease which accounted for forty-five deaths. The two deaths due to accidents were caused by electric shock in a woman aged 59 years and a fall in a woman aged 89 years.

<u>Causes of death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	60	72
Syphilitic disease	1	-
Malignant neoplasm of stomach	3	1
Malignant neoplasm of lung, bronchus,	5	-
Malignant neoplasm of breast	-	4
Malignant neoplasm of uterus	-	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	2
Diabetes	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	12
Coronary disease, angina,	17	9
Hypertension with heart disease	3	8
Other heart disease	1	7
Other circulatory disease	1	5
Influenza	-	2
Pneumonia	1	1
Bronchitis	4	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	10
All other accidents	-	2
Suicide	1	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Erysipelas	1
Pneumonia	12
Scarlet Fever	6
Measles	83

TUBERCULOSIS

No deaths from tuberculosis occurred this year and no new cases were notified. One case was transferred from another area.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination B.C.G. Vaccination of contacts and school leavers continues to be carried out in the district. During 1959, 3 contacts and 76 school leavers (i.e. pupils aged 13 years and over) were vaccinated. The Chest Physician, Dr. Llewellyn Davies, also vaccinates contacts at the Chest Clinic.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

The mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited Newport and Crymmych during November this year and the results are as follows:-



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	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Total No. examined	193	96	97
No. found to be abnormal	2 (1.04%)	2	-
No. requiring further observation	-	-	-
Other abnormalities of the chest	2 (1.04%)	2	-

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

Vaccination Records were received during the year of 40 primary vaccinations and 1 secondary vaccination.

Immunisation Records were received of 86 diphtheria immunisations and 11 re-inforcing injections, and 63 children were immunised against whooping cough.

Both vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough are carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards.

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIO-MYELITIS.

During the year permission was granted by the Ministry of Health for the age limit to be raised to 26 years, so that the age group is now from 6 months to 26 years. This work has continued at the clinics and in the schools and it has meant much additional work for the County Health Department.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47:- Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1959

WATER SUPPLIES

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of properties connected</u>
Bayvil	10
Bridell	26
Capel Colman	23
Castellan	39
Cilgerran	209
Cilrhedyn West	--
Clydey	10
Dinas Cross	198
Eglwyswrw	48
Llanfihangel Penbedw	32
Llanfyrnach	215
Llantood	6
Llanychlwydog	5
Llanfair Nantgwyn	19
Manordeifi	73
Meline	16
Monington	--
Moylegrove	36
Nevern	52
Newport	454
Penrith	12
St.Dogmaels	339
Whitechurch	11

WATER SAMPLES sent for bacteriological examination:-

<u>PUBLIC SUPPLY</u>		<u>PRIVATE SUPPLY</u>	
Number taken	23	Number taken	18
Satisfactory	23	Satisfactory	16

MILK SAMPLES

<u>From Schools</u>		<u>From farms and retailers</u>	
Number taken	13	Number taken	9
Satisfactory	13	Satisfactory	8

UNFIT FOOD

During the year it was found necessary to condemn the following foodstuffs:-

72 lbs	Home killed meat
109 lbs	Tinned meat
102 lbs	Tinned foods(Various)
206 lbs	Cheese

HOUSING

(a) Council Houses

No houses were constructed this year, 147 houses being occupied.

(b) Private Houses

Five bungalows and two houses were completed and occupied, and five dwellings were under construction.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Most of the area is collected weekly by means of a lorry and tipped into tips at St.Dogmael's, Cilgerran, Newport, and Hermon.

RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed to carry out this work and all the tips are inspected regularly and treated when required.

CARAVAN SITES

Ten sites are licnsed, for 434 caravans.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

Total no. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Acts).	-	31
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 and 1932 included in previous column.	-	31
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	1
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column).	-	2
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	-	2

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10, and 16.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	-	nil
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No. dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-	nil
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Public Health Acts.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	-	nil
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No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By Owners).	-	nil
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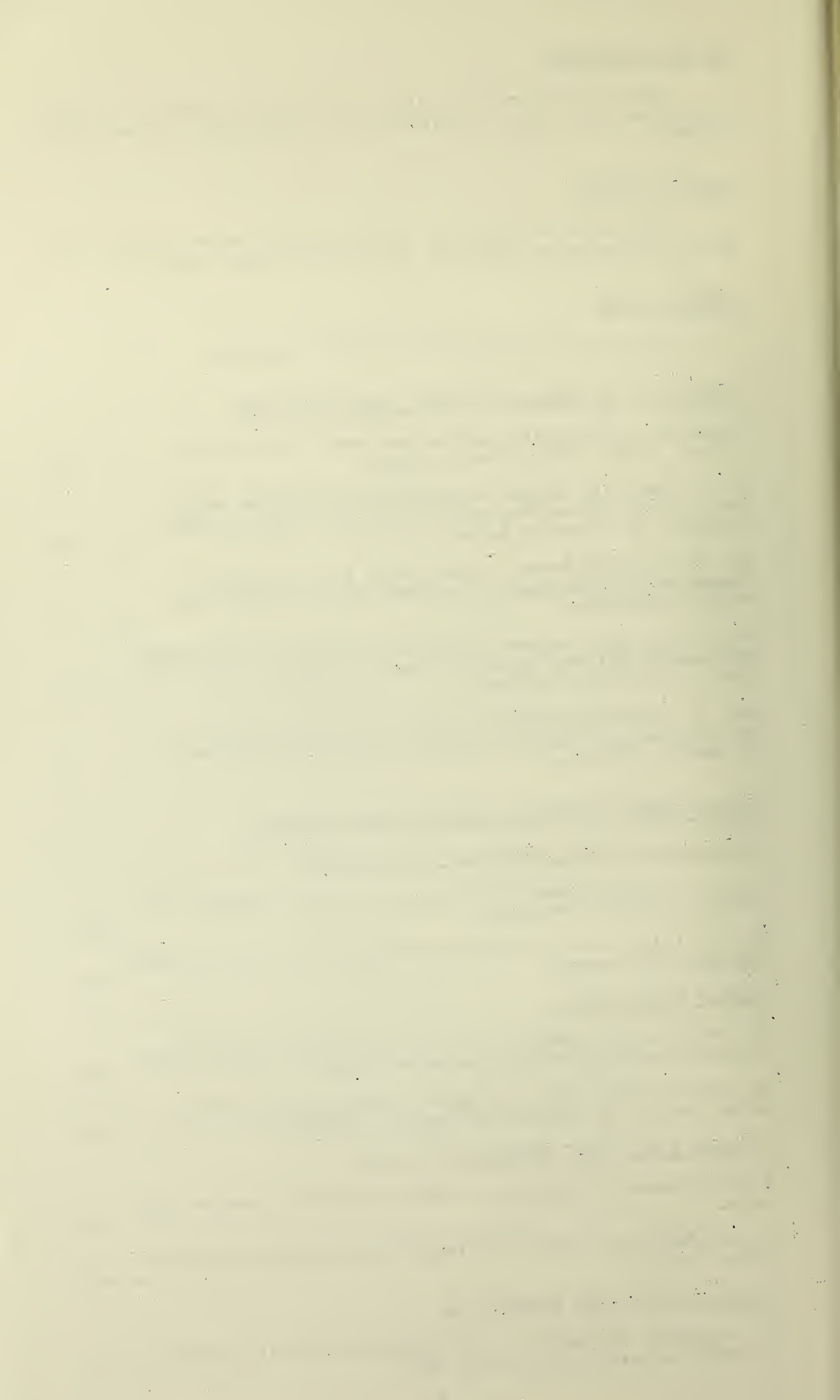
Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 & 13.

No. of houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	-	nil
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No. of dwelling houses demolished in persuance of demolition orders.	-	nil
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Housing Act, 1936. Section 12.

No. separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	-	nil
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HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year. - nil

No. of new cases of overcrowding reported in year. - nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948.

	<u>No. on</u> <u>Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written</u> <u>Notices</u>	<u>Prose-</u> <u>cutions</u>
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	10	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	nil	nil	nil	nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises).	nil	nil	nil	nil
TOTAL	nil	10	nil	nil

T.L.BOWEN.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

